

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 213

Introduced by Assembly Member Migden

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 213—Relative to Clean Air Vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 213, as introduced, Migden. Clean Air Vehicles.

This measure would urge the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District to provide toll-free passage on the Golden Gate Bridge during commute hours to vehicles bearing a distinctive Clean Air Vehicle decal issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, The State of California has a goal of achieving and
2 maintaining healthful air quality for its residents; and
3 WHEREAS, Air pollution is one of the main triggers that can
4 exacerbate symptoms of asthma, which is the country's most
5 common chronic childhood disease; and
6 WHEREAS, Pollution reduction measures are needed to
7 improve the air quality in California and decrease the occurrence
8 of respiratory ailments in children and adults; and
9 WHEREAS, The State Air Resources Board conducts a Clean
10 Air Vehicle program that specifies which vehicles powered by
11 electricity or alternative fuels meet state and federal standards for
12 tailpipe and evaporative emissions; and

1 WHEREAS, Electric vehicles produce no tailpipe or
2 evaporative emissions and qualify as Zero Emission Vehicles
3 (ZEV) under the board's Clean Air Vehicle program; and

4 WHEREAS, Certain Super Ultra Low Emission Vehicles
5 (SULEV) and Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEV) that meet the
6 requirements of the federal Inherently Low Emission Vehicle
7 (ILEV) standards, such as vehicles powered by alternative fuels
8 such as compressed natural gas or liquid propane, have extremely
9 low tailpipe emissions, meet requirements that offer significant
10 lifetime emission reductions, and are eligible for the board's Clean
11 Air Vehicle program; and

12 WHEREAS, The Department of Motor Vehicle's Clean Air
13 Vehicle Decal program, established by the Legislature in 1999,
14 provides owners of vehicles that meet these federal and state
15 vehicle emission standards with driver's side, passenger side, and
16 rear bumper stickers that grant those vehicles access to High
17 Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes and toll-free passage during
18 commute hours on the seven state-owned toll bridges; and

19 WHEREAS, 2002 marks the first year that a major automobile
20 manufacturer has made a large number of electric vehicles
21 available for public purchase in California; and

22 WHEREAS, The "Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and
23 Transportation District Act" was enacted by the Legislature on
24 May 25, 1923, to allow the City and County of San Francisco, the
25 Counties of Marin, Sonoma, and Del Norte, and parts of the
26 Counties of Mendocino and Napa to organize as a bridge district
27 in order to borrow money, issue bonds, construct a bridge, and
28 collect tolls on the bridge; and

29 WHEREAS, On December 4, 1928, the Golden Gate Bridge,
30 Highway and Transportation District was formed as the entity to
31 design, construct, and finance the Golden Gate Bridge under the
32 act; and

33 WHEREAS, The district currently grants toll-free passage
34 during commute hours to motorcycles and carpools of three or
35 more persons; now, therefore, be it

36 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
37 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
38 urges the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation
39 District to provide toll-free passage on the Golden Gate Bridge
40 during commute hours to vehicles bearing a distinctive Clean Air

- 1 Vehicle decal issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles; and be
- 2 it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit a copy
- 4 of this resolution to each member of the board of directors of the
- 5 Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District.

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